



## **Auto Body Association of Connecticut**

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**TESTIMONY OF  
AUTO BODY ASSOCIATION OF CONNECTICUT  
BY  
ANTHONY FERRAILOLO, PRESIDENT  
SUPPORTING  
SENATE RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF MICHAEL R. BZDYRA  
OF WALLINGFORD TO BE COMMISSIONER OF MOTOR VEHICLES  
EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE  
MARCH 24, 2016**

*The Auto Body Association of Connecticut (ABAC), a statewide trade association of professionals dedicated to the advancement of the collision repair industry, through safe quality repairs for Connecticut consumers, respectfully submits the following comments supporting the Senate Resolution Confirming the Nomination of Michael R. Bzdyra to be Commissioner of Insurance:*

The ABAC wishes to congratulate Michael Bzdyra on his nomination to be Commissioner of Motor Vehicles for the State of Connecticut. As a professional association representing both independent auto repairers and their consumers, matters concerning licensing of dealers and repairers, towing and storage, as well as safe, quality auto repairs, are dealt with by our member shops and our consumers on a daily basis.

The ABAC is very much encouraged by the nomination of Mr. Bzdyra. We have had the pleasure of working with him in the past and always found him to be approachable, extremely professional, and a good listener. Perhaps more importantly, Mr. Bzdyra is action-oriented. In our past dealings with him on behalf of the Department, he demonstrated an understanding about the needs and concerns of our industry and offered solutions.

The ABAC believes the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles can and should play a vital and active role not only in regulating auto repairers, but also in protecting consumers. We are confident that Mr. Bzdyra will take these vital interests into account when serving the Department.

While tasked with licensing, overseeing and regulating dealers and repairers, the Department also needs to ensure that the rights and interests of the motoring public are protected, particularly with regard to the quality and safety of repairs. One way to help achieve this dual goal is to ensure that dealers and repairers are fully educated with regard to changing laws and regulations that may impact them so that they can be fully in compliance. In the past, the industry and the Department have had a successful working relationship in this regard and we hope to achieve that again under the adept leadership of Mr. Bzdyra.

On behalf of the Auto Body Association of Connecticut, we extend our best wishes and congratulations to Mr. Bzdyra. The ABAC stands ready and willing to continue to work with him and the Department, and we look forward to an opportunity to do so once again soon.